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paid taxes to the state in lieu of diesel fuel excise tax that is now being collected for using the red or purple fuel. And it's necessary that we do this and I would ask for your adoption of the committee amendments and advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise to support these because this here was...I have a bill the same thing, LB 1099, that got out of committee and we could have had it on Select File but anyway...I mean, on the consent calendar, but anyway I want to support this because I'm getting a lot of phone calls. Since January 1, it's been a double taxation for everybody that's got a farm pickup or vehicle out on the farm that uses diesel fuel because they had to go in and pay for that decal which was supposed to be for their tax for the whole year for what they'd burn in that pickup. Now they cannot burn that in that pickup so that they've got to use it on the road tax now. So I really support this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Jones. Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Warner, there is no further discussion. Senator Warner waives off closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1160. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The committee amendments are adopted. Prior to going to Senator Warner to open on the bill, let me recognize guests of the Legislature. In the south balcony, you will see 34 second graders from Everett Elementary School here in Lincoln and their teacher. They are guests today of Senator Crosby. Senator Warner, you are recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think I've generally described the bill prior to the adoption of the amendment. Again, I would repeat its principal purpose was to have compliance with the change in the federal legislation recoloring diesel fuel and that's what the bill does. I should mention one additional thing on the special use permit on diesel. Where that applied is if...I don't believe it necessarily was agriculture, it would be anybody who had a tank